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Lecture: Outline-Why does the Civil War Matter Today? Part Two

1. Introduction: David D. Finney addresses that Lincoln’s speeches, documents, and letters of the Civil War are all quoted by American presidents and leaders of today’s world. Quotes from Abraham Lincoln have been used by Obama, Ronald Regan and the Dali Lama. He picks out an important quote from Bernard Augustine De Voto (1897-1955). Then he goes in detail about the Appomattox court house, about the conflict and then the resolution of the Civil War.
2. Thesis: “The Civil War is the crux of our history. You cannot understand any part of our past, from the convening of the Continental Convention, down to this morning without arriving at the Civil War.”
3. He has used this quote for nearly forty years.
4. Mapping: Quotes of the Civil War are most important today, there are many Unforgettable people of the Civil War that are the most unforgettable in any period of American History and the event that took place at the fields of Appomattox marked that we were a part of the United States of America and not a undivided nation.

Body 1: Abraham Lincoln’s quotes were used by many key leaders today. His words had a strong impact on people today

1. Obama used one of Abrahams quotes for his inauguration.

Body 2: There are many key and unforgettable people during this period of time.

1. Key army leaders
2. Key women
3. Key African Americans

Body 3: This war was considered the only time in which America was not an undivided nation.

1. What happened in the fields of Appomattox
2. The two armies cooperating with each other

Conclusion: The Civil War matters today because there is no other war that amounted to the impact it had on American History.